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WILL COST PLENTY IF YOU FAIL TO LIST YOUR PROPERTY THIS YEAR

New Law Provides That Ten Per Cent Shall Be Added to Taxes; Penalty of One Dollar For Late Listing; Commissioners Are Required to Assess Penalty; Neglect of Taxpayers Has Resulted in Many Inequalities

People who fail to list their taxes on time or send an agent to make a statement this year are in for a rough jolt. A new law providing that failure to list taxes at the time and place appointed calls for a penalty of ten per cent to be added to the taxes. For instance, if a man's taxes are ordinarily \$25 a year and he fails to go to list, he will have to pay \$27.50 in addition to his taxes. When he goes later, after tax time, he must pay a fee of not more than \$1 in order to list his property. The law requires proper listing for all persons having property and persons for poll tax purposes between 21 and 50 years of age.

The new law is expected to do a great deal of good. For the past several years when tax listing was neglected, the records have gotten into a terrible shape. People have not returned a year or two after the law was passed to complain about the value of their property, or to allege that they were not listed. Records disclose that they never listed the property, and the list taker picked it up as best he could.

The Dare County Commissioners do not use their discretion at all under the new law, but the law does allow the extra cost for failing to list. The new law is a good one, and it will save the counties much money.

Residents are required to make a sworn statement as to the value of their property, and to send it to the County Tax Supervisor or Register of Deeds at Manteo, Dare County, Columbia in the County, Qwan Quarter in the County.

A New Policy
The Commissioners this year will issue warrants for everyone who fails to pay the poll tax ages who fails to list. A person who fails to list his property and sign the abstract may be arrested or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

It is the desire of the commissioners of Dare County to make every person who should pay taxes, do his duty, in order that the tax may not be burdensome. It is like this new law will back up, and give a jolt to those who do not wish to abide by the law. At any rate, there will be no fireworks after tax listing begins.

The policy this year will be to follow the procedure in other counties in line with the new law. The instructions given list takers are the point and comprehensive. It fixes a schedule of values, in order to put equal burden on all.

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DAVID STICK DIRECTING INSTITUTE FOR EDITORS



DAVID STICK, who has made his home in Dare County for many summers, is this week directing the third North Carolina Scholastic Institute at the University of North Carolina on April 14 and 15 under the sponsorship of the Daily Tar Heel, student newspaper.

Indications are that this year's attendance will exceed the 130 of last spring's session, which had a substantial increase over the first Institute.

Mr. Stick has announced that a number of North Carolina newspapermen have been invited to address the sessions and to lead the discussions. He said those who had accepted and their topics are: John Park, ex-publisher of the Raleigh Times, business; John W. Harden, of the Salisbury Post, features; Mrs. Anne Cantrell White, society editor of the Greensboro Daily News, society news; Jake Wade, sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, sports; Jim Wommack, staff photographer of the Winston-Salem Sentinel, photography.

Each speaker will give a 15-minute talk and then lead a discussion of the topic. The floor will be thrown open for questions.

The NCSPI, which brings high school editors from all over North Carolina to Chapel Hill every year, was formed to bring about a closer union of these young editors through an exchange of ideas and to enable them to meet and hear experienced newspapermen.

The high school newspapers will be criticized by members of the University Journalism Department. An informal dance will be held following Friday night's session, and there will be a banquet session Saturday night.

BASNIGHT SAYS SHAD SEASON TO END ON APRIL 25

The shad season in the waters of North Carolina will end April 25th, according to Capt. Thos. A. Basnight, deputy fisheries commissioner. Capt. Basnight calls attention to the law passed at the October 1938 meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development held at Waynesville, N. C.

Rule 83 was amended as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to set, fish, have set or fished in the state between the first day of January; or to set, fish, or have set or fished, pound nets or seines between the 25th day of April and the first day of June; provided nothing contained in this rule shall be construed to apply to pound nets set in the Atlantic Ocean or to 1 1/2 in. bar pound nets set in Pamlico Sound south of Stumpy Point bay."

Permits may be issued at the discretion of the Fisheries Commissioner to set pound nets and haul seines in Albemarle Sound and its tributaries west of a line from the mouth of Alligator River to the mouth of Little River for the purpose of taking herring until May 15th, on condition that fishermen will live up to their signed agreement that they will not take any live shad from the waters.

America's Most Talked of Man For President



JOHN NANCE GARNER as he looked while fishing at Oregon Inlet with Congressman Warren during a recent season. Today, Mr. Garner, the capable Texan, and popular Vice-President is the most talked of man as the next President of the United States. Mr. Garner is considered as agreeable timber, not only by the Democratic conservatives but Republican leaders as well. On page four will be found a resume of what many folks think of this man. Photo by Victor Meekins.

MANY CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN COAST GUARD

Number of Retirements and Shifts in Commanding Officers of Local Units

Several recent changes in the Coast Guard service are taking place this week, and more to follow. Capt. T. J. Barnes of Virginia Beach retired on the first of April, and his place is taken by R. V. Dudley of Little Island. Henry N. Holmes of Cape Henry is to retire June 11, after a leave of 48 days.

C. P. Brady of Big Kinnakeet has been assigned to duty in the Norfolk office, to do boarding duty, operating on vessels between Baltimore and the capes. He is succeeded by Pennel Tillett of Oregon Inlet, and he replaced Norman Etheridge who succeeds Pennel Tillett as Number One man at Oregon Inlet.

Palmer S. Midgett, officer in charge of Oregon Inlet is slated for the command of the New Coast Guard Station, a 15-man unit at Little Creek, Va.

DRUMFISH BITE STRONG WARREN MAKES CATCH

A season like the good old times seems in prospect at Oregon Inlet, and huge catches of drum are being made at Oregon Inlet. Congressman Lindsay Warren fishing with Will Lewark caught 24 Wednesday. Wayland Baum of Wanchese brought in 30 drum. Charlie Perry of Kitty Hawk has been making huge catches, and fishing parties are pouring in. But unfortunately, it seems the weather shifts at the week end, and the unfavorable northeast winds prevail. Herbert Bonner, Secretary, and U. S. Marshal Ford Worthing, accompanied Mr. Warren, also Lee Wallace, WPA official.

Ned Schafer, prominent New Jersey sportsman accompanied by Nelson Benedict of the Newark Ledger visited Manteo last week end, and found the weather bad, just missing good fishing by one day.

Mr. Benedict wrote some favorable publicity for Dare County, advising folks to go down to Hatteras for Blues, as well as to try Oregon Inlet. Blues have been caught at Hatteras in nets during the past few days. It looks like a good season for sport fishermen, if the northeasters will pipe down.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE

A car driven by D. L. Meekins of Stumpy Point enroute to a hall game in Norfolk ran into the car of Dr. J. C. Weeks in front of the Weeks home near Manteo Thursday afternoon when Dr. Weeks turned into his driveway. Damage inflicted to the two cars was estimated at upwards of \$50. No one was injured. Accompanying Mr. Meekins were Garland Meekins, Leiland Wise, and Phillip Meekins.

DARE MAINLAND PEOPLE SEEKING TELEPHONE LINE

Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point Would Overcome Handicap

A serious handicap in the commercial life of the people of the Dare County mainland is lack of telephone facilities. Considerable losses result to the fishermen of Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point for lack of this facility in keeping posted on the markets.

The nearest telephone connection to Stumpy Point is 27 miles away by dirt road, yet the need for telephone service is so great that a fish dealer travels by automobile and spends some \$2,000 a year in long distance calls.

Several overtures have been made to the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to give these people service through the Manteo exchange. This would necessitate laying three miles of cable under the Croatan Sound, and 14 miles of line between Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point.

Business men are anxious for the service, and the many guides now catering to fishing parties in the tourist season believe a telephone line would be extremely profitable to them in serving their business connections.

"Aquabats" is the name of the honorary swimming society for women.

'Three Shuttered Houses'

A gripping mystery story which proves to be one of Ben Ames Williams' best... enhanced by the love affair of two young people surrounded by an unknown danger... Their fight against a murderer will thrill you.

SERIALLY IN THIS PAPER

MAC MONTAGUE IN JAIL AGAIN FOR BURGLARY

Admits Wanchese and Hatteras Crimes and Implicates Three Others

Caught in the act of robbing the store of John Cudworth Wednesday night near midnight, Mac Montague admitted to Sheriff Meekins that he robbed Billy Tillett's store Saturday night, and stole Ernest Etheridge's boat which he left at Long Shoal River and which was recovered this week.

Montague was lodged in jail, after he had also confessed to two robberies of the Atlantic View Pavilion at Hatteras before Christmas, and implicated three Hatteras boys, his alleged companions.

Montague, who is about 27 years old, has served time on several occasions for robbery. While on his way home after being paroled from a reform school he joined with another boy, and held up a filling station between St. Pauls and Lumberton, and got six months. He is said to have buried some \$150 and when drinking tells of plans to go back to dig up the money.

He is of low mentality, and apparently cannot help stealing. He usually admits his crimes when sharply questioned. Late Saturday night he entered Billy Tillett's store after filling the lock apart. He stole considerable beer, chewing gum, cigarettes, and a few articles such as flashlights and watches. He took the boat nearby, and went to Long Shoal River bridge where he hitch-hiked to Washington, and finally to Norfolk.

He was picked up at Great Bridge Tuesday night and brought to Manteo by Ras Wescott who was unaware Mac was being sought. Mac hid in the woods all day Wednesday back of Ira Stowe's house and was planning to make his getaway on the loot from Cudworth's store.

Passing his store late at night, Mr. Cudworth discovered someone had entered it by taking out a pane of glass. A check revealed Montague inside, trying to break into the cash register which he had damaged. He had pocketed a number of watches, knives and other trinkets. Mr. Cudworth held him at bay until the Sheriff arrived. Montague will be tried in Superior Court. Another charge of burglarizing the car of Rep. Roy Davis December 24, will come up against him.

TOWN CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED ON TUESDAY

A meeting in the Dare County courthouse is called for next Tuesday evening, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Manteo, to be voted on in the town election in May.

The present members of the Town Board are L. D. Tarkington, mayor, Cecil Mann, Edward Mann, and W. B. Fearing of the Board of Aldermen. All of them are expected to offer for re-election, except Edward Mann who has recently disqualified himself by removing his residence without the town limits.

Considerable talk prevails about town as to who will be his successor, as it is difficult to find men to run for the town offices. The job is not profitable, subject to criticism, and has little appeal. In the last town election, there were four candidates in all, without opposition, and only three votes were cast.

FISHERMEN IN DISPUTE OVER LONG-NET TERRITORY

Alleging that he was threatened by Alfred Midgett and his fishing crew of Manteo, and driven off the set where his boat was anchored, Hubert Daniels of Wanchese lodged a complaint with Sheriff Meekins Thursday afternoon. Mr. Daniels stated his boat was surrounded by the net of Alfred Midgett, and that Midgett declared his intention of moving it out of the way by force if necessary. Mr. Daniels returned to his boat with a party of friends. The case will be taken to court. A warrant has been issued against Midgett for assault with a deadly weapon.

"Whenever a row starts over fishing, the fish will go away," Ira Stowe observed.

Rev. Bradshaw at Kitty Hawk
Rev. Robert Bradshaw of Durham, executive secretary of Christian Education of North Carolina, Methodist Conference, will preach in Kitty Hawk Methodist Church Saturday night April 15 at 7:30. Rev. Bradshaw is an able speaker and has a special message for all young people and parents. The public is invited to attend.

GOVERNOR ENTERTAINED IN FINEST FORM ON VISIT TO HOSPITABLE HYDE COUNTY

Lindsay Warren Leads List of Visiting Notables to Join With Hyde in Welcoming Governor Hoey; Chamber of Commerce Banquet a Great Success; Governor Lauds Spirit of County and Predicts Progress

DISTRICT ENGINEER DELIGHTS DARE FOLK



For the first time Roanoke Island got a good square look at a United States District Engineer this week when Major George W. Gillette, officer in charge of the North Carolina district came here for an official inspection and unofficial visit to this new section that had been "redeemed" from Virginia and placed under the administration of the Major's office in Wilmington.

North Eastern North Carolina was removed from the Norfolk District a month ago and placed with the rest of the State under the Wilmington district. Major Gillette, one of the few officers of the Engi-

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WORLD'S FAIR PARTY COMING DARE TUESDAY

Twelve young and personable Tar Heels into whose hands will be entrusted the task of projecting North Carolina at the World's Fair in New York will get their final indoctrination here next Tuesday when Dare County undertakes to show them the beginning of things. They will come here at the end of a tour of 2,000 miles throughout the State under the auspices of the State's World's Fair Commission.

Entertainment and enlightenment will begin for them at the Dare County end of the Wright Memorial Bridge at 10:30 where they will be met by Bradford Fearing and Melvin Daniels on behalf of the Lost Colony; by Captain John T. Daniels and A. W. Drinkwater, who are keepers of the second of Dare's greater items of history, and by Sheriff Victor Meekins, who has recorded so much of the county's story.

Here the party will take leave of beaten paths. They will be brought down through Kitty Hawk Woods, then expected to be in the full glory of dogwood, down the shore side, and to the Wright Memorial where Captain Daniels will tell them how it happened, and show them the scars he got as the airplane's first casualty. If there is time there will be a short sortie into Collington, and stops with Captain W. H. Lewark at Kill Devil Hills station.

Down the beach the party will stop to see Judge Wash Baum and Fred Howard haul a seine out of the Atlantic ocean, which is the oldest method of fishing in the world. Thence they will come to Roanoke Island where Capt. Adam Etheridge, doubly famous as one of the participants of the first flight and as a fish cook will have a fish fry ready for them at Fort Fisher. Here Mayor L. D. Tarkington, Ike Davis and others will welcome them informally. The afternoon will be given over to more instruction and enlightenment and hospitality.

These young people were handicapped from among the colleges of the State, six of the best looking girls to be found within the State, and five boys to match them, and the community looks forward with considerable enthusiasm to their coming here. They will be under the charge of Coleman W. Roberts, who is representing Governor Clyde R. Hoey in the matter.

Hyde County on Monday and Tuesday heard praise from the Governor of the State, and from many other state officials who came to visit. Hyde also gave to its distinguished visitors unstinted hospitality, and cemented stronger ties of friendship with those in authority.

There was no semblance of factionalism or strife when the Governor came to visit, and no one would have detected a sign of any of the disputes that used to prevail.

Congressman Lindsay Warren was there too, and he was hailed as the nation's outstanding Congressman.

Hyde County received the information from Governor Hoey that no other state looks after its roads so well as North Carolina, and believes that this popular Governor will now help Hyde to enjoy this statement in fact as well as in theory. Hyde, which furnishes more college graduates per capita than any other county in the state, heard the Governor describe the state's educational progress.

Wide praise was heard for the excellent program, and the efficiency with which it was carried out by the Chamber of Commerce committee. Everything was properly timed, and with precision and dispatch the entire proceeding was carried out from the time the Governor headed for Hyde from Belhaven, escorted by that town's high school band.

Columbia, Plymouth, Elizabeth City and other towns sent delegations to felicitate Hyde on its good fortune in having the Governor visit it. And while Hyde folks were hoping for commitments for good roads, the Dare County people were prevented from coming, because a recent rain had made the new stretch of road between Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point sticky, and so Dare's folks were afraid to go. Bruce Etheridge got through with the help of the road forces, and he joined with the state's officialdom in welcoming the Governor to Hyde.

Previous issues of the Times carried lists of the visitors expected and the program. The Governor, however, outdid the program, made seven speeches in all, and talked at Columbia and Plymouth the following day after completing his visits to Fairfield and Engelhard.

Governor Hoey arrived at 5:15 Monday afternoon accompanied by his daughter, Miss Isabel Hoey. The address of welcome was delivered by O. L. Williams, Swan Quarter attorney. Edmund C. Harding of Washington, and Congressman Warren made the response. D.

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Now AND Then by VICTOR MEEKINS

There is more in dreams than in detective work, aerial observations, telephones, and word of mouth information. Ernest Etheridge lost his boat the other day, but in spite of the efforts of all who were looking for it, it remained for him to follow a dream, and find his boat in the spot where a dream had revealed it.

When neighbors discovered that Ernest's boat had been carried away by MacDonald Montague, it was then Sunday afternoon. He was found in a Holiness meeting and notified of his loss. But he paid little attention then, and hurried back into the meeting, regretting the interruption. During the night he dreamed that MacDonald Montague had carried his boat to the head of Long Shoal River and left it.

In the meantime we telephoned to Hatteras and got the Coast Guard on the look out, up and down the line. We thought Young Montague might have been drowned.

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